

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0007] beginning at page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0007] For an auction or for bidding performed for business to business transactions, products tend to be offered and purchased in bulk. For example, assume a transaction wherein a ~~vender~~ vendor having multiple computers in stock accepts, from multiple buyers, bids of "600,000 yen for five computer units (120,000 yen per unit)". In this case, a set of bids is selected wherein the total evaluation price (the price obtained by multiplying the evaluation price for one unit by the number of units) for the individual bids is the maximum.